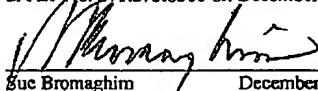


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WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) This Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Amendment and Response Under 37 CFR 1.111, for which no claims fee is due.

► Request is hereby made for a one-month extension of time to file these documents, up to and including **December 24, 2006**.

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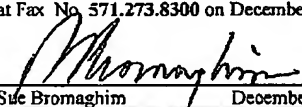
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This communication is in response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2006, for which a response is due November 24, 2006. An appropriate request for extension of time accompanies this response.

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